## STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS	)
Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown,	Docket No. 12-0598  Docket No. 12-0598
Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles,	)
Edgar, Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan,	)
Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott and	)
Shelby, Illinois.	)

## RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION TO REVISE THE CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Stop the Power Lines Coalition ("Coalition"), Tarble Limestone Enterprises ("Tarble Enterprises") and JDL Broadcasting, Inc. ("JDL Broadcasting") submit this response to the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission's Verified Motion to Revise the Case Management Plan of January 15, 2013 ("Staff Motion").

- 1. Staff's Motion seeks a reduction in the case schedule of the time for certain filings and the evidentiary hearing by one to two weeks. While the Coalition, Tarble Enterprises and JDL Broadcasting would not object to a scheduling change to allow the evidentiary hearings to commence on or after May 20, 2013, which would accommodate the marriage and honeymoon plans of one of the Staff's lawyers, they cannot agree to truncating an already expedited schedule.
- 2. Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") almost certainly will request condemnation authority if its Petition is granted. This case has significant consequences for the Coalition members, Tarble Enterprises and JDL Broadcasting. There are potentially significant fiscal impacts and consequences for Tarble Enterprises and JDL Broadcasting, and potentially

very significant impacts on homes, property and lifestyles of the Coalition members. Cutting a

150 foot swath across central Illinois from the Indiana to the Missouri borders through the

property and homes of thousands of countless other Illinois business and landowners no doubt

will have significant financial and lifestyle impacts on others. This proceeding already is subject

to an expedited schedule. It should not be shortened any further, given the significance of the

issues at stake. Expediting the schedule in the manner requested by Staff also would prejudice

these three respondents for the reasons set forth below.

3. Ed Gower is the principal counsel for the Coalition, Tarble Enterprises and JDL

Broadcasting. Mr. Gower currently is scheduled to start a jury trial on April 2, 2013 in the

United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois in the case captioned and docketed

as Dunnet Bay Construction Company v. Gary Hannig, in his official capacity as Secretary of

Transportation for the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Illinois Department of

Transportation, No. 10-CV-3051 (C.D. Ill.). Mr. Gower's best estimate of the time required for

trial of that case is two weeks, but it could last as long as three weeks. Given the likely demands

of Mr. Gower's other cases, Mr. Gower is concerned that one week to prepare for the evidentiary

hearing in this matter, proposed by Staff to start April 29, would not allow adequate time to

prepare given the likely demands on his time during that same period for other client's matters.

4. Jerald Tarble functions as the equivalent of the Chief Executive Officer for each

of the three businesses that comprise Tarble Limestone Enterprises. It is anticipated that Mr.

Tarble will offer testimony in this case. Mr. Tarble committed to an out of state family vacation

from March 17 to 23. Staff's proposed schedule would require Mr. Tarble's testimony to be filed

while he is on a family vacation.

Response to Staff's Motion to Revise the Case Management Plan ICC Dkt. No. 12-0598 5. Tarble Enterprises, the Coalition and JDL Broadcasting, and their counsel, all would like to accommodate the marriage and honeymoon plans of ICC counsel, Kelly A. Armstrong. Given the already expedited nature of the proceedings, however, it would appear that the only reasonable possible accommodation would be to delay the evidentiary hearings to May 20. The remainder of the schedule could then be adjusted by a week as well, as reflected in the suggested schedule below.

Activity	<b>Current Date</b>	Potential Revisions
ATXI Petition and Section 8-406.1 Requirements Filed	Nov. 7, 2012	
Prehearing Conference	Dec. 3, 2012	
Staff and Intervenor Alternative Routes Identified	Dec. 31, 2012	
ATXI Petition Filing Completion	Jan. 7, 2013	
Status Hearing	Jan. 17, 2013	
Intervenor Alternative Routes Identified	Feb. 13, 2013	
Status Hearing	Mar. 1, 2013	
Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony	Mar. 29, 2013	
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony to Each Other	Apr. 12, 2013	
ATXI Rebuttal Testimony	May 3, 2013	
Written Pre-hearing Motions	May 3, 2013	
Motion Hearing	May 8, 2013	
Evidentiary Hearings	May 13-17,	May 20-24, 2013
	2013	
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	June 3, 2013	June 10, 2013
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	June 10, 2013	June 17, 2013
Optional Suggested Conclusions for use in the	June 10, 2013	June 17, 2013
Proposed Order (Position Summaries Unneeded)		
Proposed Order (tentative date)	July 8, 2013	July 15, 2013
Simultaneous Briefs on Exceptions (tentative date)	July 22, 2013	July 29, 2013
Last Scheduled Commission Meeting	Aug. 20, 2013	Aug. 20, 2013
Deadline for Commission Action	Aug. 20, 2013	Aug. 20, 2013

WHEREFORE, Tarble Limestone Enterprises, Stop the Power Lines Coalition, and JDL Broadcasting, Inc. respectfully request that the Staff of Illinois Commerce Commission's Verified Motion to Revise the Case Management Plan be denied, or that the Case Management Plan be revised by ordering that the evidentiary hearings be scheduled to start on May 20, 2013,

and all subsequent scheduled dates be set for seven days later than the current schedule, with the exception of the final date for Commission action.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 4, 2013

STOP THE POWER LINES COALITION, TARBLE LIMESTONE ENTERPRISES, And JDL BROADCASTING, INC.

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## AFFIDAVIT OF EDWARD R. GOWER

- 1. I am counsel of record and serve as the lead counsel in this proceeding for Stop the Power Lines Coalition, Tarble Limestone Enterprises and JDL Broadcasting, Inc.
- 2. I prepared the Response to Staff's Motion to Revise the Case Management Plan on behalf of the three clients identified above. With the exception of the information in paragraph 4, I have personal knowledge of the facts and information set forth in the Response, and the facts and information are true and correct. The information in paragraph 4 concerning Mr. Tarble's role in the members of Tarble Limestone Enterprises and his family vacation plans, which are contained in the first and third sentences of paragraph 4 of the Response, reflect information conveyed to me by Mr. Tarble, and I therefore believe it to be true and correct. The conversation in the second sentence of paragraph 4 of the Response, that Mr. Tarble is anticipated to offer testimony in this case, is true.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

EDWARD R. GOWER

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 4th day of February, 2013.

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